

Minutes of the Suffield Zoning Board of Appeals  
May 27, 2014 – Police Station Conference Room – 7 p.m.

Members present:

Mark Blackaby, Susan Hastings, Rene Pacewicz, Derick Donnelly, John Schwemmer,  
Chris Rago                      Excused: William Arendt

Also present: Zoning Enforcement Officer James Taylor

Vice Chairman Mark Blackaby called the ZBA meeting to order at 7 p.m. The recording secretary Bobbie C. Kling read the Notice of the meeting as published in the Journal Inquirer in the proper time frame. Ms. Kling noted that there had been no written communications received pertaining to this application

Mr. Blackaby designated the voting members: Hastings, Donnelly, Schwemmer, Pacewicz, Blackaby.

Hearing of # 14 15 4 – Glen Baskin, 2 Carolyn Circle, Ellington, CT was present with Mr. Jay Usary, of J. R. Russo, Surveyor. Mr. Usary presented the application request. This application is for 557 Forest Road, West Suffield, CT. The lot is a pre-existing non conforming lot. The home was built in 1930. Mr. Baskin wants to build a detached garage ( 27 ft. by 28 ft. drive apron on this property and needs a side yard variance from the required 10 feet to 6 feet and a maximum lot coverage variance from 30% to 41.8%. Mr. Usary reviewed the plot plan in detail. The non conforming lot and location of the septic system is the hardship claimed.

Mr. Blackaby asked if there were no other location on the property that the proposed detached garage could be built? Mr. Usary stated that the location of the septic system prevented this. Mr. Usary noted that Mr. Baskin had the approval of North Central Health District.

Vice Chairman Blackaby asked if anyone present wished to speak in favor of the application or against. Richard and Darlene Burrell, 623 Forest Road, West Suffield, spoke in strong support of this application. Mr. Blackaby asked if anyone wished to speak against: no response. Mr. Blackaby closed the Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Donnelly moved to enter Deliberations; Mr. Blackaby seconded. The meeting was voted into Deliberations at 7:17 p.m.

After discussion, Mr. Donnelly moved to grant Glen Baskin, 2 Carolyn Circle, Ellington, CT. , a side yard variance from 10 ft. to 6 ft., and a maximum lot coverage variance from 30% to 41.8% for construction of a detached garage and drive apron for property at 557 Forest Road, West Suffield, CT. Mr. Blackaby seconded. Mr. Blackaby called for the vote: Those in favor: Schwemmer, Hastings, Donnelly, Pacewicz, Blackaby. The variances

were approved by unanimous vote. Hardship noted: pre existing non conforming lot and topography.

Minutes – Ms. Hastings moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting; Mr. Donnelly seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Hastings, Secretary      MAY.27.2014.ZBA.Minutes